

Opening, Call to Order, Roll Call, Approval of Agenda, Approval of Minutes, Formal Public Comment, State Board Business, Secretary's Report

The June 15, 2017 meeting of the State Board of Education/State Board for Vocational Education was called to order at 1:02 p.m. by President Gray. The following members of the State Board were present: Dr. Teri Quinn Gray, President; Nina Lou Bunting, Vice President; Gregory B. Coverdale, Jr.; G. Patrick Heffernan; Barbara B. Rutt; and Dr. Terry M. Whittaker. Secretary of Education Susan S. Bunting was present to serve as the Executive Secretary for the State Board, and the Board's Executive Director, Donna Johnson, was also present.

The agenda was approved as amended. It was explained that the agenda was amended on June 12th to add a recent appeal as an information item to the agenda. A motion was made by Mrs. Bunting and seconded by Dr. Whittaker to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The minutes of the Board's regular meeting of May 18, 2017 were distributed prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Dr. Whittaker to approve the minutes of the Board's regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Bunting and carried by voice vote. Mr. Coverdale abstained.

Public Comment

Three individuals signed up to address the State Board.

Kendall Massett, Executive Director for the Delaware Charter School Network, spoke about a recent conference she attended noting that Delaware is considered a leader by many states and should be complimented for its collaboration and partnership with all schools. She also expressed her congratulations to the State Board's administrative assistant on her upcoming retirement.

John Marinucci, Executive Director for the Delaware School Boards Association, highlighted the recent activities of DSBA and explained that the organization will continue to monitor legislation and coordinate legislative positions with other education stakeholders. He also congratulated Mrs. Moore on her retirement.

Jorge Melendez, a former member of the State Board, spoke as an education advocate. He noted that the State needs to work within its financial means and he complimented the State Board for making a difference for students. He also congratulated Mrs. Moore on her retirement and thanked her for all the great work and support that she has provided to Board members and recognized the impact she has made over the years in education in Delaware.

Committee Reports and Executive Director's Update

Board members highlighted their monthly activities. Mrs. Bunting attending a scholarship ceremony in the Indian River School District and also represented the Board at the Delaware School Boards Association's (DSBA) Board of Directors Meeting. Mrs. Rutt represented the State Board at the DSBA's Legislative Committee meeting. Mr. Coverdale highlighted an event he attended at the Cab Calloway School.

Ms. Johnson noted the various news articles on ESSA that were available to view under her report. She also served on a panel, with Jon Neubauer from the Department, on a NASBE (National Association of State Boards of Education) panel on professional learning. Ms. Johnson also noted the State of Education forum scheduled for June 19th at the Lewes Library.

Dr. Gray highlighted her attendance at the University of Delaware graduation commenting that it was the largest of the six graduations she attended.

Literacy Campaign

The State Board continues to work with the United Way on the Campaign for Grade Level Reading. Ms. Johnson commented that it was one spoke in the larger wheel of literacy. She acknowledged the interest of the Governor's Office in incorporating the Board's literacy campaign as a part of the greater work underway on strengthening early childhood education and preparation of the educators of our early learners.

Legislative Update/JLOSC Update

Ms. Johnson stated that the Legislative Review posted on the website was up to date as of June 14th. She reviewed some of the bills that had recently been filed and the Board decided that at this time no additional action was necessary regarding new positions or revised positions on legislation. It was noted that the Joint Legislative Oversight and Sunset Review Committee corresponded with the Secretary of Education requesting input and feedback on the JLOSC recommendations for the State Board. The Board will provide additional information to the Committee in January concerning effect and implementation of the changes to public comment and the new meeting time.

Procedures Manual

Ms. Johnson noted that in order to align with recommendations and agreed upon revisions to State Board procedures with the JLOSC, the Board has made the appropriate revisions to its Procedures Manual. Effective with the July meeting, the State Board regular monthly meetings will begin at 5:00 p.m. The State Board has also agreed to make revisions to its public comment policy. These revisions include allowing Public Comment at multiple times throughout the meeting in connection with action and discussion items on the agenda and again at the end of the meeting for general comment beyond items on the agenda.

A motion was made by Mr. Coverdale to approve the changes to the Board's Procedures Manual. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Rutt and carried unanimously by voice vote.

Special Recognition

The Board recognized the retirement of long time State Board Administrative Assistant, Dani Moore and presented her with the SBE Order of Excellence and retirement tributes from the Secretary of Education, Delaware House of Representatives, State Senate, and the Governor's Office. Ms. Moore is retiring at the end of June and has been with the Department of Education for 39 years. She has served as the Administrative Assistant to the State Board since 1984.

Chris Kenton, Executive Director for the Professional Standards Board also presented Ms. Moore with a certificate of appreciation and a pen and pencil set on behalf of the Professional Standards Board.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Bunting stated that the U.S. Department of Education has provided feedback to the Department's ESSA plan. Delaware was one of three states that received initial feedback and clarifying questions. The Department has 15 days to respond. Interviews are scheduled for a Director to head the Department's Wilmington Innovation Team and Dr. Bunting explained that the Department will be shifting responsibilities and positions will be re-purposed to assist with that initiative. The Secretary also highlighted recent school visits.

Department Regulations

Tina Shockley presented the Department regulations before the Board.

Regulation 1009 DIAA – For Action

Action on amending this regulation did not pass at the State Board's May meeting. The Board requested additional information and data to support the proposed amendments.

This regulation is being amended in consultation and cooperation with the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association. The regulation is being amended to add sections that specify the purpose of the transfer, passing work, and years of participation eligibility rules; clarify the transfer and years of participation rules as to eighth grade students, who are eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at the high school level; organize existing sections of the transfer rule for clarity; change the time period for the subsection that allows a student, who has previously participated in interscholastic athletics to transfer one time from the first year of eligibility to the first and second years of eligibility; change the transfer options permissible under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act, to conform to federal and state law; and eliminate the prohibition against practicing if a student is ineligible under the passing work rule.

Associate Secretary Amelia Hodges, Tom Neubauer, Executive Director from the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association, Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald, Superintendent of the Caesar Rodney School District and DIAA Board member, and Laura Makransky, DIAA's Deputy Attorney General, were present. Dr. Hodges distributed information to the State Board about a focus group that was convened and made the recommendation to allow students deemed academically ineligible the opportunity to practice. Again, there was significant discussion on the regulation. Dr. Fitzgerald explained that only a small percentage of students would benefit from this amendment and allowing those students to practice would help keep them in school. Board members expressed concern that supports for helping students improve academics were not in the regulation and expressed concern about prioritizing athletics over academics. It was noted that local districts and charters could develop more strict academic eligibility criteria for eligibility than the state mandates.

A motion was made by Mr. Coverdale to approve Regulation 1009 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heffernan. The motion did not pass with a vote of 3 in favor of the motion (Mr. Coverdale, Mr. Heffernan, and Dr. Gray) and 2 against the motion (Dr. Whittaker and Mrs. Rutt). Mrs. Bunting abstained.

Regulation 106A – Teacher Appraisal Process Delaware Performance Appraisal System (DPAS II) Revised – For Discussion

Regulation 107A – Specialist Appraisal Process Delaware Performance Appraisal System (DPAS II) Revised – For Discussion

Regulation 108A – Administrator Appraisal Process Delaware Performance Appraisal System (DPAS II) Revised – For Discussion

The Secretary of Education seeks the consent of the State Board of Education to amend these regulations. These amendments are to align with changes made during the second session of the 148th General Assembly by House Bill 399 as amended by House Amendment 1 and Senate Amendments 1 and 2, and by Senate Bill 199, as well as other process changes identified through implementation. These amendments include 1) providing for equal weighting of the DPAS II components; 2) eliminating a required annual assessment; and 3) adding language related to new provisional license. Laura Schneider was present to respond to any questions by the Board.

A motion was made by Mr. Heffernan to approve Regulation 106. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Rutt. It was noted that it was Regulation 106A so the motion was rescinded. Mr. Heffernan then made a motion to approve Regulation 106A. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Rutt and carried unanimously by voice vote. The State Board signed the appropriate Order.

A motion was made by Mrs. Bunting to approve Regulation 107A. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heffernan and carried unanimously by voice vote. The State Board signed the appropriate Order.

A motion was made by Mrs. Rutt to approve Regulation 108A. The motion was seconded by Mr. Coverdale and carried unanimously by voice vote. The State Board signed the appropriate Order.

It was noted that there were also regulations for the Board's information that only require approval by the Secretary of Education.

Innovative Practices for Professional Learning

Crystal Lancour, Sherrie Clark, Jen Benham and Ige Purnell from the Colonial School District along with Department Chief Academic Officer Michael Watson presented statewide initiatives and specifically work within the Colonial School District middle school math classrooms related to Innovative Practices for Professional Learning. The Department made available grants for schools and districts to implement programs which revised existing professional development and created more robust professional learning for teachers and leaders in their schools. In 2016, twenty-one schools participated in the Reimagining Professional Learning Innovation Grants. The grants supported the work of schools committed to improving professional learning for teachers, specialists and school leaders in order to increase opportunities and outcomes for students. The presenters highlighted aspects of their plan, Colonial Mathematics: Re-Engaging in the Common Core.

The Board recessed from 3:08 p.m. to 3:19 p.m.

Charter Schools

Denise Stouffer presented the Charter items to the State Board. The Charter School Office has completed its second round of site visits to all Department authorized charter schools. Information collected at these visits will be included in the annual report on charter schools. The Board received an update on Prestige Academy students regarding their placement in schools for the next school year and was reminded of the timeline for the Design Lab minor modification. Ms. Stouffer congratulated all graduates and the first graduating class of Sussex Academy.

Appeals and Reviews

Executive Session

Student v. Woodbridge School District 2017-04 - For Action

A motion was made by Mrs. Bunting that the State Board go into Executive Session for the purposes of considering this student appeal and the student's pupil file. The motion was seconded by Dr. Whittaker and carried unanimously by voice vote. The Board entered into Executive Session at 3:24 p.m.

Deputy Attorney General Valerie Dunkle provided the State Board with the appropriate information on the appeal.

The Board returned to open session at 3:36 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Heffernan to accept the proposed Decision and Order of the Hearing Office and adopt the same as the Decision and Order of the State Board. The motion was

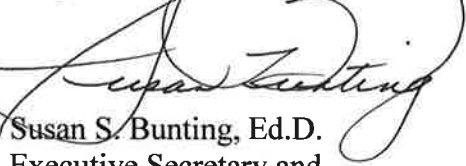
seconded by Mr. Coverdale and carried unanimously by voice vote. The Board signed the appropriate Order.

Ms. Dunkle provided the State Board with an update on the other appeals listed on the agenda.

Adjournment

Board members expressed their thanks and gratitude to Mr. Coverdale and President Gray noting that nominations would be coming forth for new State Board members. Additionally, Board members also gave brief remarks thanking Ms. Moore for her long time service to the Board. There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Coverdale to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Bunting and carried unanimously by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted;



Susan S. Bunting, Ed.D.
Executive Secretary and
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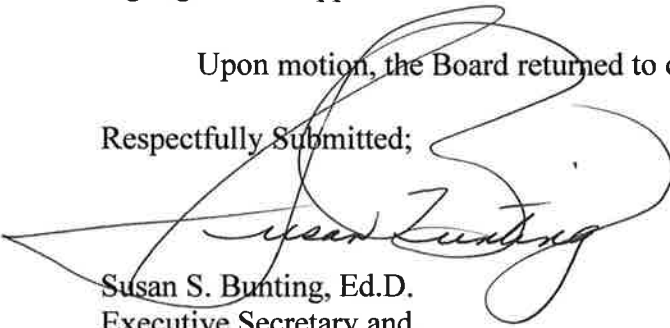
Appeals and Reviews – Executive Session

Student v. Woodbridge School District 2017-04 - For Action

Since school disciplinary matters are confidential, the Board entered into Executive Session pursuant to 29 *Del. C.* § 10004(b)(7). The motion was made by Mrs. Bunting, seconded by Dr. Whittaker and carried unanimously. The Board went into Executive Session at 3:24 p.m. The Board discussed the appeal with Deputy Attorney General Valerie Dunkle, who highlighted the appeal.

Upon motion, the Board returned to open session at 3:36 p.m.

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